VSP Public Comment

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Should Calfornia reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

There is ample proof reported from voting experiences across the country and in California that Diebold, ES and S and other electronic machines for recording and counting votes are susceptable to fraudulent manipulation, have created voting errors and have failed to operate properly .the polls. They must all be rejected for voting in California.

What is required are paper ballots that can be hand counted, audited and recounted if required. Hand counting of paper ballots is done successfully and quickly in places like Canada, the UK, Israel, India and many counties throughout the United States.

For disabled and non-English speaking voters, a limited number of government certified specially designed vote printing machines should be available where needed to create special ballots for them, such as for Braille or foreign languages, and the machines should be carefully monitored for printing accuracy.

Please take action now to insure that hand counted paper ballots will be used by all voters in California for every election henceforth. Sustaining our Democracy demands this action.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.